Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have developed and maintained impressive reputations due to the outstanding nature of their teaching endeavors; and

Whereas, Mary LeGrand of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained distinction as a math teacher at Central Junior High School in the Cape Girardeau School District; and

Whereas, Mary LeGrand recently enhanced her wonderful record of achievement by receiving on April 11, 2003, a prestigious Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award named in honor of a beloved special education teacher in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, established by Dr. Jerry Kinder of Cape Girardeau and Richard Kinder of Houston, Texas, the Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award honors their late mother and her selfless, longstanding efforts at May Greene Elementary School; and

Whereas, Mary LeGrand was announced as the recipient of an Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award at the Board of Education office by Dr. Jerry Kinder and Superintendent Mark Bowles, an achievement for which she will be formally lauded at an assembly at her school later in the year; and

Whereas, in addition to her classroom activities devoted to productive, lifelong learning by Cape Girardeau students, Mary LeGrand helps ensure the highest standards of student accomplishment through her service on the St. Vincent DePaul Gator Swim Board, as Central High School Assistant Swim Coach, and as Central High School Freshman Cheerleading Coach; and

Whereas, the beloved wife of Steve, Mary LeGrand is the loving mother of Brianna, Adam, and Chleo:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contributions made by Mary LeGrand on behalf of the students in Cape Girardeau and to extend to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon her receipt of a prestigious Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award and our best wishes for continued success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mary LeGrand of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Jason G. Crowell Majority Floor Leader District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2333, adopted April 29, 2003.